



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
BUSINESS MEETING OF THE  
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL  
INSPECTIONS  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
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LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
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**Wednesday, April 20, 2016**

**10:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-2081)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Barbara Bigby, Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, Commissioner Johanna Arias-Bhatia, Commissioner Susan Burton, Commissioner Percy Duran III and Commissioner Eleanor R. Montañó

Excused: Commissioner Anne S. Hill and Commissioner Theresa Zhen

Staff present: Jenny Kimbell and Derexie Young. (16-2083)

Call to Order. (16-2026)

**Chairperson Bigby called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.**

**Chairperson Bigby led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.**

**Self-introductions were made by all in attendance.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Approval of the March 13, 2016 Minutes. (16-2028)

**On motion of Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, seconded by Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills and unanimously carried this item was approved.**

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

## **II. REPORTS**

**2. Department of Auditor-Controller (AC). (16-2029)**

**Ms. Michele Day, AC, Group Home Ombudsman, distributed copies and reported on the Children's Group Home Ombudsman Activity Report during the month of March 2016 and reported that there were a total of 18 Hotline Requests for Assistance Calls.**

**In continuing her report, Ms. Day reported that there were 10 Outreach visits to the following facilities:**

- **St. Anne's Maternity Home**
- **Los Angeles Youth Network**
- **Dream Home Care, Inc. (All three sites)**
- **David and Margaret Youth and Family Services**
- **Fleming and Barnes Dimondale (Lancaster site)**
- **Murrell's Farm and Boys Home (both sites)**
- **Turmont Home for Girls**

**Ms. Day also provided the Commissioners with the Children's Group Home Ombudsman Semi-Annual Report - July 1 through December 31, 2015.**

**3. Internal Services Department (ISD). (16-2030)**

**There was no representative present to report.**

**4. Department of Mental Health (DMH). (16-2031)**

**Mr. Bart Callender, DMH, reported that DMH stated that the Field Capable Clinical Services (FCCS) funding is successfully doing well.**

**5. Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). (16-2032)**

**Patricia Bolanos-Gonzalez, Children Services Administrator II, Out of Home Care Management Section, DCFS, reported that during the month of March 2016 there were a total of 770 Absent Without Leave (AWOLS) and the child abuse hotline received a total of 24 referrals in the following categories:**

- **10 Physical Abuse (PA)**

- 7 Sexual Abuse (SA)
- 6 General Neglect (GN)
- 1 Severe Neglect (SG)

There were a total of 23 referrals closed in March 2016:

- 12 GN
- 3 SA
- 6 PA

Ms. Bolanos-Gonzalez also reported that there were no Group Homes placed on HOLD in March 2016.

6. Probation Department (PD). (16-2033)

Ms. Pamela Pease, Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, Group Home Monitoring and Investigations Unit, Placement Services Bureau, PD, provided the status of group home AWOLs for March 2016 as follows:

There were 150 AWOLs involving 127 youth:

- 53 Remain AWOL
- 81 Returned to group homes
- 14 Placed in Juvenile Hall
- 1 Camp placement
- 1 Jurisdiction terminated

Ms. Pease also provided the Commission with detailed monthly status reports of group home AWOLs during the month of March 2016.

7. Sheriff's Department (SD). (16-2034)

Commander Henry Romero, Los Angeles County Sheriff Department (SD), reported that signs and qualifications were posted on April 11, 2016 in the jails informing inmates that are interested in voting registration cards will be available on April 18, 2016 upon request.

Commander Romero also informed the Commission that the clearance forms that were distributed at the March 16, 2016 meeting are due and will be processed all together. Also the Commissioners are required to take a four hour class that will cover the rules and expectations of visiting the jails.

8. Office of the Inspector General (OIG). (16-2035)

**Ms. Barbara Phillips, Monitor, Office of Inspector General (OIG), reported that she will take the SBC's findings during their visits back to the OIG's office for further follow up and possible action.**

9. Chairperson's Report on various items. (16-2036)

**Chairperson Bigby announced the 14th Annual Leadership Conference and informed the Commissioners to register with staff if they are interested in attending.**

10. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (16-2037)

**There was no report presented.**

11. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from April 14, 2016 to April 19, 2016. (16-2038)

**During the reporting period, the following group homes/facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:**

**Chairperson Bigby visited:**

- Penny Lane #7 (Wilbur Ave., Northridge, CA) on April 14, 2016.
- Altadena Sheriff Station (Altadena Dr., Altadena, CA) on April 15, 2016.

**Commissioners Andrews and Montaña visited:**

- Fleming and Barnes Dimondale (Anaheim Pl., Long Beach, CA) on April 19, 2016.
- Children's Home of Southern California (Van Nuys, CA) on April 18, 2016.

**Commissioner Montaña visited:**

- Governor George Deukmejian Courthouse (Magnolia Ave., Long Beach, CA) on April 14, 2016.

**Commissioner Bhatia visited:**

- LeRoy Hanes Center (Baseline Rd., La Verne, CA) on La Verne, CA) on March 29, 2016.
- San Gabriel Children's Center (Puente St., Covina, CA) on March 29, 2016 and reported that this location has relocated to a new address not listed.

### **III. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Matters Not Posted**

12. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (16-2039)

**Mr. Alan Henry, Community Care Licensing (CCL) informed the Commission that CCL also received the anonymous letter regarding Human Services Network and they will be conducting a full investigation.**

#### **Public Comment**

13. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-2040)

**There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.**

#### **Adjournment**

14. Adjournment for the meeting of April 20, 2016. (16-2041)

**There being no further business, Chairperson Bigby adjourned the meeting of April 20, 2016 at 11:38 a.m.**